

TALKS OF DAUGHTER

GIRL ACCUSED OF MURDER
TRIED TO HELP FAMILY.

MAN LED HER INTO SIN

Mother of Fleda Pendleton Says Her
Child Was a Good Girl Before She
Was Influenced by Clement to Do
Wrong—Had Not Heard of Her for
Months.

Breaking the silence with which she has answered newspaper inquiries since tragedy stalked into her quiet home a month ago in the form of a message telling her that her missing nineteen-year-old daughter, Laura Fleda Pendleton, was a prisoner in a South Carolina jail, charged with murder, Mrs. J. H. Pendleton, of Durham, N. C., Saturday threw a flood of light on obscure spots in the girl's life story, talked freely of the family and its history and told of Fleda's early association with Clyde Caldwell Clement, co-defendant and alleged father of her slain babe.

The elderly sweet-faced woman strove heroically to control her emotion during her painful recital, but her eyes were frequently dimmed, and two little girls, Ruth and Margaret Pendleton, gazed in awed silence at the spectacle of their mother in tears.

Fleda was always a good, obedient girl, the mother said, until she came under the influence of Clement in Spartanburg. She attended Sunday school regularly and scrupulously respected her mother's wishes. Mrs. Pendleton said that Fleda and Clement knew each other when they were children together in Polk county, but her parents would not permit her to spend much time in his company because, according to Mrs. Pendleton, he was given to rough ways. Miss Pendleton was mindful of parental advice then, and it was because she could not come to her mother for counsel in Spartanburg, the latter said she believed, that Fleda yielded to temptation.

The girl left home to eke out the scanty family income, which had been reduced by business reverses and physical afflictions of her father, J. H. Pendleton. He was at one time a well-to-do merchant, but his health gave way, and with it went his money. His eyesight became afflicted, he could no longer stand confined, because of his impaired health, and he took to farming. He was planning when Fleda last heard of him to accept a position as traveling salesman for a shoe house, but failing eyesight forced him to abandon this plan. At present he is living in Mooresville, N. C., and is engaged in tobacco farming.

It was due to the father's poor health that Mrs. Pendleton agreed to allow her daughter to go out into the world to work. What money Fleda could make was needed to help support the younger children. Mrs. Pendleton said it was not true, as reported, that Fleda was driven from home because she accepted Clement's attentions; at that time she would have nothing to do with him.

While the family were living in Polk County Thomas Pendleton, the elder brother, decided to go to Spartanburg to study telegraphy. He persuaded Fleda to accompany him, and both entered the Spartanburg School of Telegraphy. She soon mastered the Morse code and left the school, going to Atlanta, Ga., to work. She made several visits back home, and while on one of these visits received an offer from the Spartanburg school for her services as a teacher. This offer was accepted, and when she returned to the school she again came in contact with Clyde C. Clement, then a student in the preparatory department of Wofford College.

Soon after the old acquaintance was reopened, Mrs. Pendleton said, she ceased to hear from her daughter. She telegraphed to the principal of the Spartanburg school relative to Fleda's whereabouts and was told that the young woman could not be found in Spartanburg, but was reported to be in Atlanta. Mrs. Pendleton said that the last letter she received from her daughter was some time in August of last year. After losing trace of her in Spartanburg the mother never heard of Fleda until she was informed of the girl's trouble.

F. W. Mennerich of Sullivan, Ill.,

was killed Sunday in attempting to open an internal machine. He suspected its mission but thought his knowledge as expert repairman would enable him to open it safely.

Beachey Drops 1,200 Feet.

While "looping-the-loop" at a height of 1,600 feet at Santa Barbara, Cal., Lincoln Beachey took control of his machine. He righted it 400 feet from the ground, saving himself from certain death.

South Carolina Reunion.

Because of dates previously determined upon conflict with the dates of the veteran's reunion in Jacksonville, the State reunion of Confederate Veterans to be held in Anderson will be held May 27 and 28.

"Black Hand" Is Fined.

Five years in prison and a fine of \$1,000 was the sentence of Salvatore Serlana, who in Chicago, wrote "black hand" letters to and wrecked with a bomb the grocery of Leonardo Meleone.

Latta Man Loses Eye.

Arch McQueen of Latta shot at a suspended bell. The bullet, clanging the clapper, striking the side of the bell, rebounded and struck him in the eye, putting it out.

Policeman Kills Man.

W. B. Brooks, a Savannah policeman, Saturday killed Charles Barbour of that city. He claims that the dead man invaded his home.

Man Wounded and Robbed.

At Charleston Monday Rufus Jones was held up by an unknown man, who shot him and then rifled his pockets.

FIGHT AS MOTHER SLEEPS

TWO BROTHERS AT PELZER EN-
JOIN IN DEADLY BATTLE.Mother Awakened by Pistol Shot Sees
One Son Standing Over the Pros-
trate Form of Her Other Boy.

With their aged mother tranquilly sleeping within five feet of them, William and Richard Bridgman, brothers of Pelzer, engaged in a drunken quarrel Sunday, which resulted in Richard, the younger brother, being shot to death, and William Bridgman be-
fearfully gashed about the neck and face. The tragedy occurred Sunday morning at 1 o'clock.

The brothers had been drinking together and after arriving at their home became engaged in a quarrel, Richard stabbing William with a knife in the face and neck. Will drew his pistol and fired, the bullet taking effect in the right side, just below the arm. The killing was witnessed by the mother of the men and a third brother.

The mother of the men did not awake until the pistol shot was fired. The sight to greet her sleepy stare was that of the almost lifeless form of her son, Richard, lying upon the floor, and her other son standing over him with a smoking pistol in hand and blood coursing freely down his coat front.

The men had noisily entered their mother's room and she did not awaken until the fight had ended. William Bridgman was carried to Anderson Sunday morning and placed in jail. He was fearfully cut by his brother before he fired upon him. The aged mother is prostrated.

AUTO TURNS TURTLE.

Charleston Man Meets Death and
Others Are Injured.

Samuel M. Lockwood, employed as a mechanic at the Charleston navy yard, was killed outright Sunday and seven others, all relatives, were more or less injured when an automobile in which the party was returning home from a pleasure ride over the suburbs, skidded and turned over on its side.

Capt. Robert H. Lockwood, the father of the young man, and who was at the wheel of the machine at the time, said that the cause of the accident was the result of the car skidding, and then turning over on its side. Capt. Lockwood said that he was engaged in a mutual race with a young man driving a roadster. The latter was leading and he was attempting to catch up at the time. As he was rounding the curve at a rapid rate of speed he says the machine skidded. The car was closed, all the curtains being down at the time because of the cold weather.

As the car skidded it is reported that its front wheels jumped, and that the sudden jar caused the car to tilt over. The violent stopping of the machine threw the occupants from their seats, Samuel Lockwood being thrown into the roadway and the machine falling upon him. The wheels were facing the direction in which the car was going and the top facing the opposite way.

Others in the car were: Capt. Robert H. Lockwood, wrenched back; Robert H. Lockwood Jr., sprained arm and shoulder and internal injuries; Mrs. Robert H. Lockwood Jr., sprained arm and internal injuries; Mrs. Samuel M. Lockwood, minor injuries and shock; Miss Edna Ladd, minor injuries and shock; Miss Lucile Ladd, injuries about the head; Miss Sally Lockwood, internal injuries.

BACK ON THE JOB.

Friend Delighted at Senator Tillman's
Apparent Health.

Senator Tillman returned to Washington Friday and occupied his seat in the Senate. He looks as well as he has at any time within the past three years and his appearance was commented upon with gratification by his friends. Mrs. Tillman also returned with the Senator, and said that she had been greatly benefited by her rest in a sanitarium at Atlanta after the fatigue she had suffered as the result of her constant vigil at the Senator's bedside during his attack of erysipelas. Senator Tillman plunged with characteristic zest into his correspondence and the work of the naval committee, of which he is chairman.

Train Kills Farmer.

Frank Wyatt, sixty-three years old, a farmer of Kingston, Ga., was run over Tuesday and killed by a train just as he finished walking over a trestle. The train crew thought he was aware that a train was close upon him.

Farmer Fired His Own Barns.

Leslie A. Riggs, a farmer of Altou, N. Y., believed to be unbalanced, has confessed to sending "Black Hand" letters to himself, putting poison in his hog's feed and firing his own barns, which were burned recently.

Flames Claim Three Lives.

Three children were burned to death, two seriously and a man overcome by heat when fire destroyed three cottages of Shreveport, La., Monday.

Asks Government to Be Liberal.

Congressman Lever Tuesday made a vigorous speech in the national House pleading that the government pass the farmers bill, appropriating \$19,000,000 for their benefit.

Three Burn to Death.

Mrs. Mary Kinslow, her mother, and two-year-old child, of Glasgow, Ky., were burned to death Thursday night in a fire which destroyed their home.

Tillman Against Smoking in Senate.

Senator Tillman's resolution to prevent smoking in the Senate was Tuesday reported to the rules committee of the Senate.

Vote Against Woman Suffrage.

Senators Tillman and Smith Monday cast their votes against a Senate resolution to consider woman suffrage.

TO TRY WAR LAST

WILSON WILL SHED BLOOD ONLY
AS A LAST RESORT.

DEPLORES INTERVENTION

President Reveals Nation's Policy in
Regards to Dark Cloud in South-
ern Skies—Our Action Depends
Largely on Attitude of Great Brit-
ain Towards Murder of Benton.

President Wilson revealed to those who discussed Mexican affairs with him Monday that he fully realized the gravity of the situation in the killing of William S. Benton, a British subject, the reported murder of Gustav Bauch and Clemente Vergara, American citizens, and Gen. Carranza's denial of the right of the United States to look after the interests of foreigners generally in Mexico.

The president spoke deplorably of the possibility of armed intervention, but at the same time pointedly referred to the size and power of a country like the United States as being sufficient warrant for a calm and patient course while compliance with the American demands was being sought. Callers got the impression from the president that he was determined to try every peaceful means at his disposal to solve the Mexican problem, but that the realization of certain evils might mean a drastic course.

He spoke with a firmness that showed his determination not to be stampeded into action by radical speeches in Congress, but with a hint that when the necessity arose, the American government could be effective to move decisively and effectively.

Upon Great Britain's attitude in the Benton case depends largely the extent to which the United States will become involved. Should England show an inclination to let the Benton case await final adjudication at a time when a firm government is established in Mexico the United States will not feel called upon to challenge Gen. Carranza's specific refusal to supply the Washington administration with information about Benton's death.

Administration officials realize that in not communicating with Gen. Carranza they have offended his personal dignity, and they hope to overcome this by consulting him now, impressing upon the Constitutionalist chief incidentally that the American government does not think that formalities ought to stand in the way of obtaining protection for foreigners.

Gen. Carranza's declaration that foreign governments should address him about the welfare of their subjects led to a visit to Secretary Bryan by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, and Senor Riano, the Spanish ambassador. Both Spain and Great Britain have recognized the Huerta government and have been looking to the United States to act for them in Northern Mexico. There is every indication that this course will be continued, and it is clearly established that Carranza's maneuver will not lead the British government into any recognition or other dealings with him.

President Wilson explained to callers that many foreign governments had desired the United States to look after their subjects, but, of course, had no right to demand it and were not demanding it. Strictly speaking Carranza might insist on his right not to deal with one government in the interests of another, but such a situation undoubtedly would produce grave complications with the United States government, upon whom the powers of the world have learned to look as the dominant factor in Pan-American diplomacy.

Carranza once before has suggested that Spain, instead of the United States, should address him directly about the welfare of the Spanish subjects, but on that occasion assurances were given that all foreigners were protected. The Benton case is the first specific refusal in regard to interest of the American government in the case of a subject of another country.

Gen. Villa's acknowledgment of Gen. Carranza's superior authority has cleared up all doubt as to who is chief of the Constitutionalist movement and has relieved the Washington government of the necessity of considering that point. Hereafter, as Gen. Carranza requests international matters will be taken up with him. He also will be called to account for all harm to foreigners.

Find Him All Shot Up.

William Lobarger died in Manningsport, La., and an examination of his body when it arrived in Bolivia, N. Y., Monday disclosed several bullet holes in the head, which started an investigation by the police.

Mother Suicides With Babe.

"No one will understand why I want to die, forgive me," read a note found on Mrs. Ralph Dinnymore, aged 33, who holding her baby jumped before a passenger train at North Attleboro, Mass., Sunday.

Three Burned to Death.

Mrs. Stella Marlies lost her young wife while trying to save her two young daughters from flames that destroyed their home, near Spokane, Wash., Sunday and it is believed that they perished also.

Flagman Is Killed.

Henry King was accidentally killed by a passenger train near Kline Saturday. He was flagman on a work train. It is supposed that he went to sleep when he went out to flag the passenger.

Child Is Burned to Death.

Playing skip rope indoors because of the cold, Gertrude Jordan, an eleven-year-old girl of Scottsdale, Ga., Monday lost her balance and fell into the fire, being burnt fatally as the result.

Brothers Fail to Death.

Pierre and Gabriel Salver, brothers, were killed Sunday at Lyons, France, as they were making an experimental flight in an all-metal monoplane of their own invention.

BABCOCK WILL RESIGN

SUPERINTENDENT HAS DECIDED
TO LEAVE ASYLUM.Speculation as to Whether Dr. Sau-
nders Will Remain When Her Only
Defender Leaves.

Resignation of Dr. J. W. Babcock, superintendent of the State hospital for the insane at Columbia will probably be given Governor Cole L. Blease within the next few days. This crisis of the fight upon Dr. Babcock was reached Saturday morning when the governor was notified definitely of his determination to immediately step down from the position he has held a quarter of a century.

The one thing preventing Dr. Babcock from presenting the governor his resignation Saturday morning was the doubt in the mind of Dr. Babcock whether it would be for the best interests of the institution. The superintendent stated that he had determined to sever his connection with the hospital for the insane. When this action would be taken depended entirely upon the advice from Governor Blease regarding the time when his position could be filled judiciously.

Long conferences between Dr. Babcock and Senator Mauldin, chairman of the committee which investigated the hospital, and Senator Strait, Senator Young and Representative Hunter, members of that committee, were held in the lobby of the capitol early Saturday. Then it was determined that Governor Blease would be consulted by the committee regarding what he, the governor, considered the best time for Dr. Babcock to resign.

The members of this former committee called upon Governor Blease, and after a short conference, returned with the advice that Governor Blease would give his decision in this matter certainly before the general assembly adjourned. It was stated that the chief executive would reach this conclusion during the day.

Following the complete exoneration of Dr. Eleanor B. Saunders, a woman, second assistant medical officer at the State Hospital for the Insane, of the personal and professional charges against her, and the strong endorsement of the work of Dr. Babcock as superintendent of that institution, in the report of the committee conducting the inquiry, which was presented the general assembly Wednesday, it was generally reported in official circles that the resignation of Dr. Babcock was forthcoming.

What will be the action of Dr. Saunders is not definitely known, though it is stated on authority no other than Dr. Babcock himself that she too would be forced to resign when he leaves that institution. The superintendent stated that her life there would probably be unbearable, and that her work would probably be generally hampered through the contrary efforts of certain other officials of that institution.

Dr. Saunders is now ill at the State hospital, suffering a slight breakdown following the strenuous fight between the committee for her exoneration.

CASH DRAWER ROBBED.

Ticket Agent at Chester Knocked Un-
conscious by Strange Men.

The boldest robbery committed in Chester for some years occurred Friday afternoon at the Seaboard Air Line depot, when Mr. A. Pat Wilson, ticket agent, was knocked down, it is said, by two strange white men, who then rifled the cash drawer of \$261.80 and fled. The robbery was committed just after the departure of a passenger train, after the crowd had left the station and Mr. Wilson was preparing to cross the street to the freight depot.

One of the men is described by Mr. Wilson as being about 5 feet, 6 inches in height, and heavy set, while his companion was taller. They are believed to be strangers. Mr. Wilson was knocked unconscious with some blunt instrument, and lay in that condition for half an hour, or more. Upon coming to his senses he was able to give a partial description of his assailants, as he was knocked down just as he opened the door, and was preparing to step out.

Cracksmen Get \$10,000.

Safecrackers got more than \$10,000 in cash when they bound and gagged a night watchman in the business place of C. S. Bonner, of Milledgeville, Ga., and wrecked the strong box with three charges of dynamite.

Trapped 50 Miles in Snow.

After a 50-mile tramp on snow shoes through the wilds of Newfoundland thirty-three of the crew of the naval tug Potomac, which was abandoned in the ice, reached Curling, Newfoundland Friday.

Train Cuts off Both Legs.

Albert Knitchmeyer, a switchman living in Charleston, fell in front of a moving engine Monday and had both of his legs severed from his body.

Jury Renders Terse Verdict.

A jury of Trinidad, Col., the strike infested mining town, reported thusly on the death of a miner killed by a fall of a rock: "The deceased had no relatives and damn few friends."

Twelve Injured in Wreck.

When a Southern Railway train, bound from Jacksonville to Columbia left the track Tuesday at Folkston, Ga., twelve passengers were slightly injured.

Big Warehouse Collapses.

One of the largest warehouses in Kingstree collapsed under the heavy weight of snow Friday. The structure was a complete wreck.

Cigarettes Cause Suicide.

In a note found beside his body, Samuel A. Crane, 21, New York, gave inability to quit the cigarette habit as the cause of his suicide.

Tennessee Feudist Killed.

Joe McCallister, a mountaineer of near Chattanooga, Tenn., was ambushed and killed Friday.

STORM CLOUD AHEAD

FIGHT TO BE MADE FOR CON-
TROL OF STATE CONVENTION.

FACTIONS LAYING PLANS

Political Followers of Senatorship's
Candidates Are Lining up Behind
Their Man—Each Side is Determined
to Control the State Convention
Next May.

The storm clouds are gathering for Democratic State convention, which a tremendous struggle to control the assemblies in Columbia on the third Wednesday in May. Conservatives and radicals, Bleasettes and anti-Bleasettes, and other of the so-called factions of the Democratic party are laying plans to capture the State convention which carries with it the control of the primary election machinery.

Realizing that the contest for the United States senatorship will be a titanic struggle, followers of Governor Cole L. Blease have banded administration supporters of both branches of the general assembly into a compact organization and administration measures have received the undivided support of the minority in both houses. A regular organization of the Blease legislators has been maintained and frequent caucuses have taken place to determine the course the administration minority would follow.

Resulting from this understanding the Governor Blease in the House have invariably been sustained, except in two minor instances, when the caucus did not bind its members. Several vetoes met death in the House the past week, the solid vote of the Blease minority prevented the necessary two-thirds to overrule the veto. The administration minority in the Senate is not sufficient to sustain a veto. The majority against the governor there is over two-thirds.

Well satisfied with the results of their action in the legislative session now drawing to a close, the Blease followers are planning for the Democratic club meetings, which take place the fourth Saturday night in April. At these meetings the clubs are reorganized and delegates selected for the various county conventions, which meet the first of May, at which time delegates from the various counties are chosen to the State convention and the members of the State executive committee elected.

The control of the club meetings is the all-important thing; for obvious reasons that will insure control of the majority of the county conventions, and through that the State Convention and the State committee. This is the fight and to this end the administration forces are now directing their efforts. Already the cry has been sent forth to the Bleasettes to organize and control the club meetings.

But while the supporters of Senator E. D. Smith are not talking they are far from being idle. There is enough surface indications to show that Governor Blease is going to face the fight of his career for further political honors. The doctrine of anti-Bleas is being spread through the length and breadth of the State and everywhere his opponents are preparing for the club meetings and the county and State conventions. They propose, if possible, to again control the State convention and the election machinery and will go into the fight behind Senator Smith to retrieve the defeat of 1912 and if possible wipe Bleasism from the political map of the State. Not talk, but work, is the motto, as it is evident from surface indications.

Unless signs are misleading, another factor will have to be reckoned with in the fight for the senatorial toga. Former Governor John Gary Evans, it is believed, is considering going into the fight, and his friends aver that his entrance would drive a wedge between the Blease and Smith forces and make a new faction out of portions of both the present ones. They say it will be an Evans faction made up of voters from both the Blease and anti-Bleas camps, and that it will be a formidable wedge. Then it would not surprise political observers to witness still another entrant into this race in the person of Representative W. F. Stevenson of Cheraw. In fact, Mr. Stevenson has told friends in the past few days that he is considering entering the race. He is well known all over the State and is a public speaker well able to hold his own on any stump with any opponent. His hold on the people, his friends point out, is illustrated in his re-election from Chesterfield county last election in the face of the fact that Chesterfield went several hundred majority for Blease. This is another possible wedge calculated to split into still smaller factions the Blease and anti-Bleasettes of South Carolina. If the Evans and Stevenson wedges rip open and break up the two factions the race will be hard to forecast with any accuracy.

A four-cornered fight between Smith, Blease, Evans and Stevenson would make a race the like of which has never been seen in South Carolina, it is believed. Four better stump speakers could not be picked. Each is the veteran of many a rough and tumble debate and when these four measure strength on the hustings it is likely that much more than fur will fly.

With the legislative and public records each has made in public life at their sides the senatorial candidates are preparing for the attack. The prize, the senatorial toga, is dangling in the distance, and while the people wait the would-be senators are sharpening their forensic weapons and making ready for the titanic struggle due before the coming primaries.

Street Accidents in New York.

During February 20 persons met death in New York in traffic accidents—eight killed by automobiles, 10 by trolley cars and two by wagons.

Murderer Slain in Penitentiary.

During a fight between a burglar and a murderer in a penitentiary at Pittsburgh John Ballou, the murderer, was killed by Joseph Roe.

KILLED WHILE ON TRIAL

MISSOURI FELDIST SHOT BY
PRINCIPAL WITNESS.During Court Recess They Meet in
Bar Room Where Tragedy Takes
Place.

Wesley (Red) Simon, on trial at St. Louis on a charge of murdering Emmett Carroll in a gang feud nearly a year ago, was shot and instantly killed Monday in a nearby saloon during a recess of the court in which he was being tried. Shortly after the killing Henry Zang, principal witness for the prosecution, entered the central police station, saying he had had some trouble with Simon. The sheriff, who had feared an attack would be made on Simon, had detailed four special policemen to guard him in the court house. When the shooting occurred they were standing on a street corner two blocks away.

Zang says that Simon, after making a gesture and threat, moved his hand toward his hip pocket. When Simon's body was examined no revolver was found and his hip pockets were buttoned. The killing of Carroll, for which Simon was placed on trial Monday, occurred in a saloon last March. After the murder Carroll's body was placed in an automobile and left near the home of Mrs. Mary Hagerty, whose daughter discovered the body. Simon, who was arrested, admitted that he shot Carroll, but pleaded self-defense.

Zang, who is a bartender, was expected by the prosecution to testify that Simon borrowed a revolver from him two hours before the shooting. To the police Zang said Simon came into the Mooney saloon twice while he was drinking and told somebody "that fellow will never live to testify against me".

John Gross, who was in the saloon when the shooting occurred, said that he and Zang had been there about twenty minutes when Simon entered and invited everybody to have a drink. While the drinks were being served Gross said Zang and Simon stepped behind the partition that separates the bar from the cigar counter and the shooting followed.

MANY PELLAGRA CASES.

Nine Hundred Have Entered the Asy-
lum in Six Years.

During the past six years more than nine hundred cases of pellagra have been received at the State Hospital for the Insane, according to a statement contained in the annual report of J. W. Babcock, M. D., superintendent, which has been sent to the general assembly. Spartenburg led the State, with 82 cases. Last year 165 patients died as a result of the disease. Following shows the number of cases admitted by counties 1907-1913:

Abbeville, 30; Aiken, 25; Anderson, 46; Bamberg, 9; Barnwell, 13; Beaufort, 13; Berkeley, 16; Calhoun, 8; Charleston, 31; Cherokee, 23; Chester, 32; Chesterfield, 10; Clarendon, 13; Colleton, 13; Darlington, 22; Dillon, 9; Dorchester, 7; Edgefield, 14; Fairfield, 12; Florence, 25; Georgetown, 15; Greenville, 39; Greenwood, 35; Hampton, 14; Horry, 4; Jasper, 1; Kershaw, 18; Lancaster, 13; Laurens, 21; Lee, 8; Lexington, 11; Marion, 18; Marlboro, 16; Newberry, 14; Oconee, 20; Orangeburg, 22; Pickens, 10; Richland, 82; Spartanburg, 83; Sumter, 26; Union, 17; Williamsburg, 15; York, 33.

ROBBERY UNSOLVED.

Express Mystery of Last September
Still Defies Southern Detectives.

Although five months have passed since \$71,900 was stolen from a portable safe in transit from New York to Savannah, the mysterious express robbery is no nearer solution than the day it is discovered, when the safe was opened. News that the money was missing was telegraphed to officials of the company a day or two before it leaked out on September 10 last. It was the signal for a small army of detectives, officials and special agents to go to Savannah and solve the theft. They worked several days and nights there and sent a voluminous report to higher officials in New York.

Every employee, who had an opportunity to steal the money was put under surveillance. A suspicious step would have resulted in an arrest, but none has ever been made. Every employee is still working for the company. It is the belief of officials of the Southern Express company that sooner or later the thief will make a false step and his arrest will follow. Confidence that the mystery will be solved is expressed by them.

Boy Swallows 97 Nickels.

By swallowing 97 nickels to his opponents T. Louis Campani, of Columbia, Ill., won a \$5 wager, which will probably go to the doctor who withdraws the coin from the "human savings bank."

Woman Perishes in Snow.

Ella Sweny, aged 22, of Hazelton, Pa., was found frozen to death in a sleigh Monday. She was out riding with a young man who left her to seek aid, but who was found exhausted.

Laurens Negro Shoots Another.

As a result of a feud between Albert Meredith and Jonah Young, negroes of Laurens, the latter shot and seriously wounded the former Tuesday afternoon.

Burn Much Whiskey.

One thousand barrels of whiskey were destroyed when two distillery warehouses were burned at Canton, Md., Monday, the total loss being \$100,000.

Falls Dead Over Friend's Coffin.

Mrs. Lydia Schultz of Akron, O., fell dead recently while standing over the coffin of her girlhood friend, Mrs. Catharine Davis.

Wind Unroofs Houses.

Reaching a velocity of sixty miles an hour at Greensboro, N. C., wind Monday unroofed three factory buildings.

No Substitutes

RETURN to the grocer all substitutes sent you for Royal Baking Powder. There is no substitute for ROYAL. Royal is a pure, cream of tartar baking powder, and healthful. Powders offered as substitutes are made from alum.

TO STOP GAMBLING

MEASURE DESIGNED TO STOP
COTTON SPECULATION.

SMITH AUTHOR OF BILL

Junior Senator Presents Favorable
Report on Anti-Futures Bill—
Would Bar Use of Mails to Traders
Who Disregard Government Stand-
ards of Value.